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Opening of new rural dispensaries in Malabar

* 2303 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Malabar District Board has applied to the Government for sanction to open ten new rural dispensaries; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise. I may add to the answer that what the President of the District Board, Malabar, asked for was ten itinerating dispensaries and not rural dispensaries. He also proposed to the Director of Medical Services the opening of one hundred first-aid centres in villages and placing teachers in charge of those centres."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" What steps have the Government taken on the representation that the President of the Malabar District Board has made to the Government as stated by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Director of Medical Services has called for certain particulars from the President of the District Board."

Buildings used for the Taluk office at Orathanad

* 2304 *Q.*—SRI M. MARIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the buildings that are now, being used for housing the Orathanad Taluk office?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The Taluk office, Orathanad, is now located in a private building known as ' Sillathur House ' in Pattukottai town."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஒரத்த நாடு தாலுகா ஆபீஸ் இப்பொழுது பட்டுக்கோட்டையில் இருக்கிறது. அதனால் விவசாயிகளுக்கும் மற்றவர் களுக்கும் மிகுந்த சிரமம் ஏற்படுகிறது. ஆகவே, பட்டுக்கோட்டையில் தற்பொழுது அமைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் ஒரத்தநாடு தாலுகா ஆபீசை ஒரததநாட்டுக்கு மாற்றுவதற்கு வேண்டிய கட்டடத்தைக் கட்டுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் தகுந்த நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Because a suitable building was not available, this office was located temporarily at Pattukottai. Now proposals are under way to locate the office in Orathanad itself probably in the Travellers Bungalow portion of the chatram."

SRI A. RAMASAMI TEVAR :—" As this vital matter has been pending for long time and as the Hon. Revenue Minister has been singing the music, is he aware of the hardship caused to the rate-payers of Orathanad? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The music will be stopped and the office will be located in Orathanad, I hope."

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Sri M. MARIMUTHU :—" வாடகைக்கு கட்டடத்தை எடுத்துக் கொள்வதற்குப் பதிலாக ஒரத்தநாட்டில் சர்க்காரே ஒரு கட்டடத்தை உடனடியாகக் கட்டுவதற்கு யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" புதிதாகக் கட்டடம் கட்டவேண்டுமானால் ஒரு லட்சம் ரூபாய் ஆகும். அதனால்தான் இம்மாதிரி வாடகைக்கு இடம் கிடைக்குமா என்று பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறோம். ஏதோ ஒரு இடம் பார்த்திருக்கிறோம். அங்கே தாலூகா ஆபீசை வைக்கலாம் என்று நினைக்கிறேன்."

Sri S. VENKATRAMA AYYAR :—" Are the Government aware that there is travellers' bungalow at Orathanad now? The old travellers' bungalows now used by the Livestock Farm Office. Will the Government be pleased to construct a building, at a lesser cost if need be, and not disturb the Livestock Farm Office? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I know that the Livestock Farm is there now. But still the old name continues. How can we object to the name once given? "

* 2305 *Q.*—Not put by the Member.

Starting of a hostel at Kozhikode

* 2306 *Q.*—Sri K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have put any restrictions on the starting of a hostel at Kozhikode in Malabar for the students coming from the ' Laccadives '; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Minimum age-limit for S.S.L.C. Examination

* 2307 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a minimum age-limit fixed for students appearing for the S.S.L.C. examination; and

(*b*) if so, whether any exemption is granted from this rule and, if so, on what basis?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes. A minimum age of 15 years on or before the first day of the month in which the S.S.L.C. public examination is to be held, is required of each student. However, the following departmental officers have been empowered to relax the age rule and to grant exemption in the cases specified against each :—

Boys' schools—District Educational Officers.—In cases in which the age of the pupil is less than 15 by not more than two years.

Divisional Inspectors.—In cases in which the age of the pupil is less than 15 by more than two years.

Girls' schools—Inspectresses of Schools.—All cases."